

PINE CONE MADONNA: 1

drops into your
arms makes your
car smell sweet
burns easily

CENSUS MADONNA: 1

has more than
one box that
must be filled

PINE CONE MADONNA: 2

is at your foot
a prize you
might not notice
unless you take
her home she's
full of hidden
places makes
your drawers
sweet

CENSUS MADONNA: 2

wants you to fill her
then send her

VITAMIN MADONNA

when you eat
her you think
you feel more
calm feel
your skin soften
your bone grow
hard and strong
as it couldn't
without her

CENSUS MADONNA: 3

her form compells you

CENSUS MADONNA: 4

the way her form is set up
you got to fill it in

NOSE CANDY MADONNA

has you down
on your knees

PALM MADONNA

for each part
of her each
frond that grows
and opens the
brightest green
something darkens
falls away

-- Lyn Lifshin

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